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Applicant: Zhiqing ZHANG et al. Conf.:

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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES ANTAGONIST FOR HUMAN

TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR α (TNF α)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

Amendments to the specification;

Claim Set as Amended; and

Remarks.